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SUBJECT: HAFNIA HOTEL FIRE - ONWARD OPERATIONS CONCERNING
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

REF: COPENHAGEN 2095 AND 2091

1. AS OF 1200 HOURS LOCAL SEPTEMBER 4, DANISH POLICE ARE
CERTAIN OF IDENTIFICATION OF:

NATHALIA KROYER

THE SIEGEL FAMILY

THE LITTLE BROTHERS

MR. CARL MALLING

THEY ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN OF IDENTIFICATIONS OF:

MR. AND MRS. REIN

MR. AND MRS. BERGMAN

MRS. MALLING

THEY STILL HAVE TO IDENTIFY MR. AND MRS. EASTHAM,
MR. AND MRS. MEADOR (PERHAPS MEADOW), ELLA WALT, AND
HILDA DANZIG.

2. THE INFORMATION RECEIVED ON MISS PATRICIA GREEN FROM
USIA AND BUCHAREST HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR DANES TO
ISOLATE ONE CADAVER WHICH THEY BELIEVE IS MISS GREEN.

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LEROY SIMPKINS, GSO BUCHAREST, HAS CONTACTED

EMBASSY AND WILL ATTEMPT IDENTIFY P.M. SEPTEMBER 4.
FORENSIC INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL REPEAT ESSENTIAL IN CASES
OF MR. AND MRS. EASTHAM, MR. AND MRS. MEADOR, ELLA WALT,
HILDA DANZIG, AND POSSIBLY PATRICIA ELLEN GREEN.
CONFIRMING FORENSIC INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO PERMIT
DANES TO CLEAR THEIR RECORDS IN THE CASES OF MR. AND MRS.
REIN, MRS. REPEAT MRS. MALLING AND MR. AND MRS. BERGMAN,
WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO RELEASE TO UNDERTAKERS.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FORENSIC INFORMATION
COLLECTION AND EXCHANGE IS UNDER WAY BETWEEN HQ FBI AND
COPENHAGEN POLICE WITH LEGATT COPENHAGEN AS LIAISON,
DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO DO ALL IT CAN TO EXPEDITE THIS
COLLECTION, PARTICULARLY IN INSURING THAT NOK UNDERSTAND
NECESSITY FOR THIS. IN TELEGRAPHIC DISCUSSIONS WITH
SEVERAL NOK, EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THEY COORDINATE DIRECTLY
WITH COPENHAGEN POLICE TO DETERMINE IF ANY PURPOSE WOULD BE
SERVED BY THEIR COMING TO DENMARK. (CONTACT POINT IN
COPENHAGEN POLICE IS MR. HASSE JACOBSEN (AREA CODE (01)
31 14 48 EXTENSION 52). THIS CONSULTATION RECOMMENDED
BECAUSE OF EXTREME CHARRING IN SOME CASES WHICH WILL MAKE
VISUAL IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO
MAKE TELEPHONE NUMBER AVAILABLE TO OTHER NOK INQUIRING
ABOUT VALUE OF PROCEEDING TO DENMARK.

4. IN ALL CASES WHEN NOK CONTACT DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS STRONGLY THAT THEY BE URGED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY
WITH DANISH MORTICIANS (SEE COPENHAGEN 2095). THOSE THEY SELECT
SHOULD BE GIVEN AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS AS SOON AS DANISH POLICE AUTHORITIES
ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE REMAINS. THIS WILL SAVE TIME IN
THE LONG RUN.

5. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY NOK OR INTERESTED
ACQUAINTANCES OF MR. AND MRS. REIN, THE LITTLE CHILDREN,
THE SIEGEL FAMILY, MR. AND MRS. EASTHAM, MR. AND MRS. MEADOR,
ELLA WALT, AND HILDA DANZIG. EMBASSY GAVE GUIDANCE TO THEM
IN ACCORDANCE PROCEDURES SET FORTH THIS TELEGRAM AS WELL AS
PREVIOUS REPORTING. EMBASSY AWARE OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST
IN CASES OF MR. AND MRS. EASTHAM AND MR. AND MRS. MEADOR.
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EMBASSY SPOKE WITH MR. WILLIAM P. WADE, SON-IN-LAW OF THE
MEADORS, TELEPHONE (804 272 84 31) AND HE APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND
ALL POINTS MADE ABOVE AND SEEMED SATISFIED WITH GUIDANCE GIVEN.

6. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM DANISH POLICE AUTHORITIES THAT
THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE AND VALUABLES NOT DESTROYED
IN THE FIRE WHICH WILL BE TURNED OVER TO US WHEN IDENTIFICATION AND
RELEASE OF REMAINS FINALLY MADE. DANISH POLICE INDICATE

THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONNECT MUCH OF THESE EFFECTS WITH
ROOMS IN THE HOTEL AND THUS IMPLICITLY WITH DECEDENTS. EMBASSY
WILL OF COURSE TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CONSERVE ESTATES
AS REQUIRED. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WOULD-APPRECIATE
TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE OF NOK AND THEIR ADDRESSES OF ALL DECEDENTS.
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